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James B. Donovan Surprise Guest at Polish Reception

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The top United States official asked the Ambassador when he was leaving Washington on a trip.

"Thursday," he answered.

"Who'll protect me while you're away?" queried the uniformed Military Attache standing with the Ambassador in the receiving line.

"Protect you? From whom?" asked the United States official.

Gesturing toward the Embassy rooms jammed with reception guests, the attache quipped: "Well, everyone's here, including James Donovan—and I'd feel a lot safer seeing him on television!"

This repartee at the Polish Embassy last night underlined the top news story of the evening, the brief visit of New York attorney James B. Donovan, who masterminded the exchange of U-2 pilot Gary Powers for Soviet spy Abel, and sprung hundreds of Cuban prisoners from Castro camps for a ransom in medical supplies.

Briefcase in hand and sporting his usual straw topper, the famous lawyer came and left early from the National Day reception. Few guests even knew he had been there.

No Clue for Guesses

Conjecture as to why he was there, or even in Washington turned up a variety of guesses, and was of course grist for party wits. People looking for a story generally were disappointed. They simply couldn't find anything remotely connected with spying or international intrigue to warrant Mr. Donovan's presence.

They had to content themselves with Ambassador Drozniak's explanation that he was merely a guest there. The Ambassador and his Military Attache, Col. Henry Ladon, had the exchange over "protection" with Deputy Secretary of State William French.

The genial colonel said he was delighted to have the



Attorney James Donovan sporting a boater (left) and Moses I. Socachevsky wearing the traditional yamylke share a cordial farewell as Mr. Donovan leaves the party at the Polish Embassy last night given by Ambassador Drozniak in celebration of Poland's national day. Mr. Donovan gained fame when he negotiated the release of U-2 Pilot Francis Gary Powers. Mr. Socachevsky is a member of the American Revolution of America, Inc.—Star Staff Photo by Rosemary.

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international counselor from New York at the Embassy, and his remark about seeing him on television merely reflects the overtones of international intrigue which are in the air at such embassy receptions.

Shook Off Nazis

More than 550 guests filled the newly decorated chancery. The huge buffet tables with their beautiful displays of food in two rooms were soon swept bare—absolutely bare—by one of the

liveliest and loudest groups of guests seen here.

People were there to celebrate Poland's 19th anniversary of freedom from the Nazi yoke, and they had an old-fashioned good time. Liberal representation from the Communist nations mingled with members of the Polish community, and many conversational exchanges reflected a high optimism about the nuclear test ban talks going on in Moscow.

Congressional representative there was Representative Harold D. Cooley of North Carolina, although a heavier turnout of members of Congress had been anticipated. Representing the State Department were Mrs. Dean Rusk, wife of the Secretary; Mrs. George Ball, wife of the Undersecretary, and Mrs. U.

Alexis Johnson, wife of the Deputy Undersecretary.

The stately chancery gleams under its new pastel paints. Valuable paintings on loan from the Warsaw National Gallery of Art, drew much attention from admiring guests. The simple, well-chosen colors of the walls are a perfect foil for the 19th and 20th century masterpieces, which provided a unique treat for weary party-goers.

Ambassadors attending included the Syrian, Saudi Arabian, Czechoslovakian, Somali, Greek, Burmese, Indonesian, Yugoslavian, Rwandan, Lebanese, Argentinian, Jordanese, Iranian, and Canadian.

Also attending was Richard Reuter, director of the Food for Peace program,

whose programs for Communist nations like Poland have drawn congressional fire. White House representative was Mr. Bromley Smith of the National Security Council.